the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). In the fifth round of NELP, two exploration blocks were offered falling inthe districts of Ahmedabad, Kheda and Bharuch, which are likely to be awarded by the 31st July 2005. ONGC has a plan outlay of Rs. 713.56 crores for exploration in the State of Gujarat. The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) have estimated expenditure of Rs. 55.5 crores fore seismic surveys and magneto telluric surveys in the State of Gujarat.

Export of petroleum products

192. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of petrol, diesel and other petroleum products earned over Rs. 25,000 crores during the year 2004-2005;

(b) if so, what was the percentage share of Public Sector Undertakings and Private Oil Companies in these export earnings;

(c) whether Government are developing India as a petro; export hub to promote export of finished oil products;

(d) if so, what is the anticipated export earnings from petroleum products during 2005-06; and

(e) what were the actual export earnings during 1st April, 2005 to 30 June, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The earnings from export of petroleum products during 2004-05 amounted to Rs. 28,372 crore, of which the share of the public sector was 37.9% and that of the private sector 62.1%.

(c) and (d) Indian Oil Corporation Limited have been asked to prepare a detailed feasibility study on making India an investment destination for refineries, particularly export oriented refineries, aimed at promoting India as the refining hub of South Asia/South East Asia. The results of the study would indicate the possible benefits. Based on existing capacities, the estimated export earnings from petroleum products during 2005-06 is Rs. 20,374 crore.

(e) Actual export earnings during 1st April 2005-30th June, 2005 was Rs. 8,010 crores (Provisional).